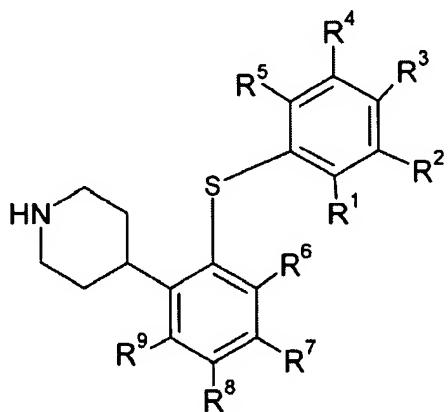


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

17. (Currently amended) A compound represented by the general formula I



Wherein,

R¹, R², R³, and R⁴-R⁵ are independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₁₋₆-alkyloxy, C₂₋₆-alkenyloxy, C₂₋₆-alkynyloxy, C₁₋₆-alkylsulfanyl, C₂₋₆-alkenylsulfanyl, C₂₋₆-alkynylsulfanyl, hydroxy, hydroxy-C₁₋₆-alkyl, hydroxy-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, hydroxy-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, halo-C₁₋₆-alkyl, halo-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, halo-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, halo-C₁₋₆-alkyloxy, halo-C₂₋₆-alkenyloxy, halo-C₂₋₆-alkynyloxy, or NR^XR^Y where R^X and R^Y are independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, cyano-C₁₋₆-alkyl, cyano-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, cyano-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl.

ϵ -alkynyl, or NR^zR^w -C₁₋₆-alkyl, NR^zR^w -C₂₋₆-alkenyl, NR^zR^w -C₂₋₆-alkynyl, wherein R^z and R^w are independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl, or C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl; or R^x and R^y together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 3-7-membered ring which optionally contains one further heteroatom;

R⁵ is halogen:

R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸-R⁹ are independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₁₋₆-alkyloxy, C₂₋₆-alkenyloxy, C₂₋₆-alkynyoxy, C₁₋₆-alkylsulfanyl, C₂₋₆-alkenylsulfanyl, C₂₋₆-alkynylsulfanyl, hydroxy, hydroxy-C₁₋₆-alkyl, hydroxy-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, hydroxy-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, halo-C₁₋₆-alkyl, halo-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, halo-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, halo-C₁₋₆-alkyloxy, halo-C₂₋₆-alkenyloxy, halo-C₂₋₆-alkynyoxy, or NR^xR^y wherein R^x and R^y are independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, cyano-C₁₋₆-alkyl, cyano-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, cyano-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, or NR^zR^w-C₁₋₆-alkyl, NR^zR^w-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, NR^zR^w-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, wherein R^z and R^w are independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl; or R^x and R^y together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 3-7-membered ring which optionally contains one further heteroatom;

R⁹ is halogen:

provided that at least one of R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵-R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸, and R⁹ is different from hydrogen; also provided that when R³ is methyl, then at least one of R¹, R², R⁴, R⁵-R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸-R⁹ is different from hydrogen;

or a salt thereof.

18. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 17, wherein R¹ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₁₋₆-alkyloxy, C₂₋₆-alkenyloxy, C₂₋₆-alkynyloxy, C₁₋₆-alkylsulfanyl, C₂₋₆-alkenylsulfanyl, C₂₋₆-alkynylsulfanyl, halo-C₁₋₆-alkyl, halo-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, halo-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, or NR^XR^Y, wherein R^X and R^Y are independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, cyano-C₁₋₆-alkyl, cyano-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, cyano-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, or NR^ZR^W-C₁₋₆-alkyl, NR^ZR^W-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, NR^ZR^W-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, wherein R^Z and R^W are independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl, or C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, provided that if one of R^X and R^Y is NR^ZR^W-C₁₋₆-alkyl, NR^ZR^W-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, NR^ZR^W-C₂₋₆-alkynyl then the other is selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, cyano-C₂₋₆-alkyl, cyano-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, cyano-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl, or C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl; C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl; or R^X and R^Y together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 3-7-membered ring which optionally contains one further heteroatom.

19. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 18, wherein R¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, or halogen.

20. (Previously presented) The compound of claims 17, wherein R² is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₁₋₆-alkyloxy, C₂₋₆-alkenyloxy, C₂₋₆-alkynyloxy, C₁₋₆-alkylsulfanyl, C₂₋₆-alkenylsulfanyl, C₂₋₆-alkynylsulfanyl, halo-C₁₋₆-alkyl, halo-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, or halo-C₂₋₆-alkynyl.

21. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 20, wherein R² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkoxy, halogen, or C₁₋₆-alkyl.

22. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 17, wherein R³ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₁₋₆-alkyloxy, C₂₋₆-alkenyloxy, C₂₋₆-alkynyloxy, C₁₋₆-alkylsulfanyl, C₂₋₆-alkenylsulfanyl, C₂₋₆-alkynylsulfanyl, halo-C₁₋₆-alkyl, halo-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, or halo-C₂₋₆-alkynyl.

23. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 22, wherein R³ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₁₋₆-alkoxy, halogen, halo-C₁₋₆-alkyl, hydroxy-C₁₋₆-alkyl, or NR^XR^Y, wherein R^X is hydrogen and R^Y is C₁₋₆-alkyl, or C₂₋₆-alkenyl.

24. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 23, wherein R³ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₁₋₆-alkoxy, or halogen.

25. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 17, wherein R⁴ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₁₋₆-alkyloxy, C₂₋₆-alkenyloxy, C₂₋₆-alkynyloxy, C₁₋₆-alkylsulfanyl, C₂₋₆-alkenylsulfanyl, C₂₋₆-alkynylsulfanyl, halo-C₁₋₆-alkyl, halo-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, or halo-C₂₋₆-alkynyl.

26. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 25, wherein R⁴ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkoxy, halogen, or C₁₋₆-alkyl.

27-28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 17, wherein R⁶ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, halo-C₁₋₆-alkyl, halo-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, or halo-C₂₋₆-alkynyl.

30. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 29, wherein R⁶ is hydrogen or halogen.

31. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 17, wherein R⁷ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, halo-C₁₋₆-alkyl, halo-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, or halo-C₂₋₆-alkynyl.

32. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 31, wherein R⁷ is hydrogen or halogen.

33. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 17, wherein R⁸ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₁₋₆-alkyloxy, C₂₋₆-alkenyloxy, C₂₋₆-alkynyloxy, halo-C₁₋₆-alkyl, halo-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, halo-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, or NR^XR^Y, wherein R^X and R^Y are independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, cyano-C₁₋₆-alkyl, cyano-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, cyano-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, or NR^ZR^W-C₁₋₆-alkyl, NR^ZR^W-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, NR^ZR^W-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, wherein R^Z and R^W are independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl, or C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, provided that if one of R^X and R^Y is NR^ZR^W-C₁₋₆-alkyl, NR^ZR^W-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, or NR^ZR^W-C₂₋₆-alkynyl then the other is selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₂₋₆-alkynyl, cyano-C₁₋₆-alkyl, cyano-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, cyano-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl, or C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkenyl-C₂₋₆-alkynyl; or R^X and R^Y together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 3-7-membered ring which optionally contains one further heteroatom.

34. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 33, wherein R⁸ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₁₋₆-alkoxy, halo-C₁₋₆-alkyl, or halogen.

35-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 17, wherein the compound of formula I has 1-4 substituents in the phenyl ring(s), selected from any one of R¹-R⁹, which are different from hydrogen, and the remaining substituents are hydrogen.

38. (Currently amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of:
~~4 [2-(4-Chlorophenylsulfanyl)-5-trifluoromethylphenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(4-Methoxyphenylsulfanyl)phenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(2,4-Dimethylphenylsulfanyl)-5-trifluoromethylphenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(4-Chlorophenylsulfanyl)-4-fluorophenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(4-Methoxyphenylsulfanyl)-4-fluorophenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(4-Methylphenylsulfanyl)-5-methylphenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(2,4-Dimethylphenylsulfanyl)-5-methylphenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(4-Fluoro-2-methylphenylsulfanyl)-5-methylphenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(4-Methoxyphenylsulfanyl)-5-methylphenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(4-Chloro-2-methylphenylsulfanyl)phenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(4-Chloro-2-fluorophenylsulfanyl)phenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(2,4-Dichlorophenylsulfanyl)phenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(2-Chloro-4-methoxyphenylsulfanyl)phenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(4-Chlorophenylsulfanyl)phenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(4-Methoxyphenylsulfanyl)-5-fluorophenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(4-Chlorophenylsulfanyl)-5-fluorophenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(4-Methoxyphenylsulfanyl)-3-fluorophenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(2,4-Dimethylphenylsulfanyl)-5-bromo-phenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(4-Methylphenylsulfanyl)-4-fluorophenyl]piperidine;~~
~~4 [2-(4-Chlorophenylsulfanyl)-5-methylphenyl]piperidine;~~

4 [2 (4 Methyl phenylsulfanyl) 5 trifluoromethyl phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2,4 Dimethyl phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (4 Fluoro phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Chloro 4 fluoro phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (4 Methyl 4 phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (3 Methoxy phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Chloro 4 methyl phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Chloro 4 methoxy phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (4 Chloro 2 fluoro phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Fluoro 4 methyl phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Chloro phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2,4 Dichloro phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2,4 Difluoro phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2,4 Dimethyl phenylsulfanyl) 3 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (Phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (4 Bromo 2 fluoro phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (3 Chloro phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (3 Fluoro phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Fluoro 4 methoxy phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Methyl 4 methoxy phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Methyl phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Fluoro phenylsulfanyl) 5 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (4 Trifluoromethyl phenylsulfanyl) phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Chloro 4 fluoro phenylsulfanyl) phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (4 Methoxy 2 methyl phenylsulfanyl) phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2,4 Difluoro phenylsulfanyl) phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2,3 Dimethyl phenylsulfanyl) phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (3,4 Dimethyl phenylsulfanyl) phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Chloro 4 methoxy phenylsulfanyl) 5 methyl phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Chloro 4 methyl phenylsulfanyl) 5 methyl phenyl] piperidine;

4 [2 (2 Fluoro-4 methyl phenylsulfanyl) 5 methyl phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (4 Fluoro-3 methoxy phenylsulfanyl) 5 methyl phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (3 Fluoro-2 methyl phenylsulfanyl) 5 methyl phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (3 Fluoro-4 methyl phenylsulfanyl) 5 methyl phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (5 Chloro-2 fluoro phenylsulfanyl) 5 methyl phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Chloro-4 fluoro phenylsulfanyl) 5 methyl phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (3 Methoxy phenylsulfanyl) 5 methyl phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (4 Chloro-2 fluoro phenylsulfanyl) 5 methyl phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (3 Chloro-2 fluoro phenylsulfanyl) 5 methyl phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2,4 Difluoro phenylsulfanyl) 5 methyl phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (4 Methyl phenylsulfanyl) 5 methoxy phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (4 Fluoro phenylsulfanyl) 5 methoxy phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Methyl-4 methoxy phenylsulfanyl) 5 methoxy phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (4 Fluoro-2 methyl phenylsulfanyl) 5 methoxy phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (3 Methoxy phenylsulfanyl) 6 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Methyl phenylsulfanyl) 6 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (4 Methoxy-2 methyl phenylsulfanyl) 6 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Methoxy phenylsulfanyl) 6 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (4 Fluoro-2 Methyl phenylsulfanyl) 6 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (3 Fluoro-4 methyl phenylsulfanyl) 6 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2,3 Dimethyl phenylsulfanyl) 6 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (3 Fluoro-2 methyl phenylsulfanyl) 6 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (3 Chloro phenylsulfanyl) 6 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (3 Fluoro phenylsulfanyl) 6 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4 [2 (4 Fluoro-3 methoxy phenylsulfanyl) 6 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4 [2 (2 Chloro-4 methyl phenylsulfanyl) 6 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Chloro-2-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4 [2 (4 Trifluoromethyl phenylsulfanyl) 6 fluoro phenyl] piperidine;

4-[2-(3-Chloro-2-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(3,4-Dimethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Fluoro-4-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2,4-Dichloro-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Fluoro-4-methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2,4-Difluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Chloro-4-methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2,3-Dichloro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Trifluoromethoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(3-Methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Chloro-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2,3-Dimethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2,3-Dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-ylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Fluoro-3-methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(3,4-Dimethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Chloro-4-Methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Fluoro-4-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(5-Chloro-2-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Chloro-4-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2,3-Dimethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

~~4-[2-(3-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;~~
~~4-[2-(4-Methoxy-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;~~
~~4-[2-(3-Fluoro-4-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;~~
~~4-[2-(4-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;~~
~~4-[2-(4-Hydroxymethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-piperidine;~~
~~4-[2-(2-Fluoro-4-methyl-amine-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluorophenyl]-piperidine;~~
~~4-[2-(2-Fluoro-4-vinyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluorophenyl]-piperidine;~~
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of any of the foregoing compounds.

39. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 17 or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

40. (Previously presented) A method of treating an affective disorder in a patient in need of such treatment, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 17 or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof to said patient, to treat said affective disorder.

41. (Currently amended) The method of claim 40, wherein said affective disorder is depression.

42. (Currently amended) The method of claim 40, wherein said patient is a human.

43. (Previously presented) A method of treating an anxiety disorder in a patient in need of such treatment, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 17 or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof to said patient, to treat said anxiety disorder.

44. (Currently amended) The method of claim 43, wherein said anxiety disorder is selected from the group consisting of general anxiety disorder, social anxiety disorder,

post traumatic stress disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, panic disorder, panic attacks, specific phobias, social phobia and agoraphobia.

45. (Currently amended) The method of claim 43, wherein said patient is a human.
46. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 38 or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
47. (Previously presented) A method of treating an affective disorder in a patient in need of such treatment, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 38 or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof to said patient, to treat said affective disorder.
48. (Currently amended) The method of claim 47, wherein said affective disorder is depression.
49. (Currently amended) The method of claim 47, wherein said patient is a human.
50. (Previously presented) A method of treating an anxiety disorder in a patient in need of such treatment, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 38 or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof to said patient, to treat said anxiety disorder.
51. (Currently amended) The method of claim 50, wherein said anxiety disorder is selected from the group consisting of general anxiety disorder, social anxiety disorder, post traumatic stress disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, panic disorder, panic attacks, specific phobias, social phobia and agoraphobia.
52. (Currently amended) The method of claim 50, wherein said patient is a human.